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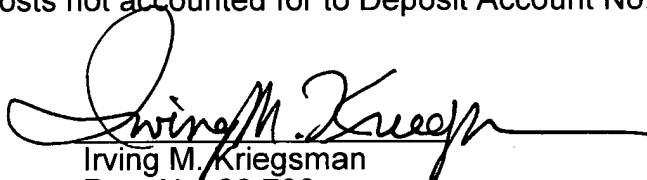
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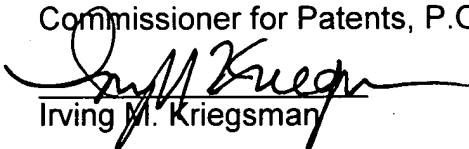
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AMENDMENT

This communication is in response to an Office Action received on this application dated April 17, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please change the Abstract to read as follows:

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An apparatus for preparing a boned pork product includes a searing oven at a high temperature cooking station for braising and charring the boned pork product using radiant heat. The apparatus also includes a dual box, spiral steam cooker at a low temperature cooking station for cooking the boned pork product using steam to yield a fully-cooked, boned pork product. The apparatus further includes a freezer at a freezer station for freezing the fully-cooked, boned pork product. A first conveyor belt is disposed between